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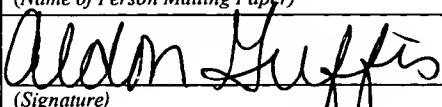
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE SENSITIVITY
OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS

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P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2003, entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks respectfully are requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, October 29, 2003 , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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